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REMARKS

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1. The following troop trains

<u>Date in June</u>	<u>Composition of the Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
7	29 cars	Weimar	Frankfurt/Oder	
	19 converted boxcars, Jerichow		Templin	
	16 boxcars and			(1)
	32 flatcars			
8	6 boxcars and	Neuruppin	Altengrabow	(2)
	33 flatcars			
	11 boxcars and	Neuruppin	Altengrabow	(2)
	25 flatcars			
	6 converted boxcars, Ohrdruf		Templin	(3)
	2 boxcars and			
	31 flatcars			
	9 converted boxcars, Ohrdruf		Templin	(3)
	16 boxcars and			
	32 flatcars			
10	49 cars	Kuestrin	Trebbin	(4)
11	47 cars	Kuestrin	Kroepelin	(5)
	33 cars	Neustrelitz	Frankfurt/Oder	
	22 cars	Potsdam	Wuensdorf	(6)

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shuttle train from Luckenwalde was to be made available for the Cottbus Railroad
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2. Troop trains
31 May and 10 June included:

<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From-To and Date</u>
2 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 15 flatcars with artillery pieces	Meiningen to Ohndorf 31 May
2 converted boxcars and 4 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Crawinkel to Altengrabow 31 May
2 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars and 13 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Dresden to Ohndorf 1 June
10 converted boxcars, 7 boxcars and 25 flatcars with 9 tanks and vehicles	Altengrabow to Machterstaedt 1 June
1 boxcar and 8 flatcars with vehicles	Crawinkel to Ketschenhof 1 June
6 converted boxcars and 2 flatcars with troops and vehicles	Crawinkel to Lossa 1 June
8 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 2 flatcars with troops and vehicles	Lossa to Ohndorf 2 June

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<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From-To and Date</u>	
10 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 48 flatcars with troops and vehicles	Naumburg to Dessau 2 June	(8)
8 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 50 flatcars with troops and vehicles	Bad Koesen to Dessau 2 June	(8)
4 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 44 flatcars with troops and vehicles	Bad Koesen to Dessau 2 June	(8)
12 converted boxcars, 5 boxcars and 40 flatcars with troops, vehicles and two tanks	Eisenach to Neubukow 3 June	(5)
8 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 33 flatcars with troops, vehicles and four tanks	Eisenach to Kroepelin 3 June	(5)
5 converted boxcars, 21 boxcars and 20 flatcars with troops, vehicles and nine tanks	Eisenach to Neubukow 3 June	(5)
5 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 13 flatcars	Ohrdruf to Plauen 3 June	
6 converted boxcars, 8 boxcars and 8 flatcars	Bad Koesen to Dessau 3 June	(8)
2 converted boxcars and 15 flatcars	Ohrdruf to Meiningen 4 June	
7 converted boxcars, 8 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Weimar to Altengrabow 4 June	(2)
11 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 36 flatcars	Weimar to Altengrabow 4 June	(2)

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<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From-To and Date</u>	
2 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 12 flatcars	Jena to Altengrabow 5 June	(2)
3 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 18 flatcars	Iosca to Altengrabow 5 June	(2)
11 converted boxcars, 6 boxcars and 35 flatcars with troops and vehicles	Ohrdruf to Altengrabow 5 June	(2)
4 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 18 flatcars with troops and vehicles	Ohrdruf to Altengrabow 5 June	(2)
6 boxcars and 2 flatcars	Iosca to Crawinkel 6 June	2
2 converted boxcars and 5 flatcars	Iosca to Neubukow 6 June	(5)
1 flatcar with tanks	Ohrdruf to Hohenstein 6 June	
9 converted boxcars, 19 boxcars and 34 flatcars with troops and vehicles	Ohrdruf to Templin 7 June	(3)
10 converted boxcars and 48 flatcars with troops, vehicles and four tanks	Ohrdruf to Templin 7 June	(3)
2 converted boxcars and 4 flatcars with troops, vehicles and two tanks	Magdeburg to Crawinkel 7 June	
1 converted boxcar and 30 flatcars with troops, vehicles, two tanks and artillery pieces	Frankfurt/Oder to Zellmer 7 June	
2 flatcars with artillery pieces	Frankfurt/Oder to Gera 7 June	

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<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From-To and Date</u>
2 flatcars with tanks	Frankfurt/Oder to Göttha 7 June
1 flatcar with tanks	Frankfurt/Oder to Erfurt 7 June
2 flatcars with tanks	Jena to Grawinkel 8 June
17 converted boxcars, 18 boxcars and 23 flatcars with troops and vehicles	Magdeburg to Ohrdruf 8 June
1 converted boxcar and 3 flatcars with tanks	Weimar to Grawinkel 10 June

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the Potsdam transportation office had been transferred to

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3. The following troop trains [redacted] between 5 and 10 June:

<u>Date in June</u>	<u>Composition of the Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
5	49 boxcars and 7 flatcars	Wildpark	Wuensdorf
	30 boxcars	Wildpark	Wuensdorf
	38 boxcars	Wildpark	Wuensdorf
6	35 boxcars and 8 flatcars	Potsdam	Wuensdorf
7	29 boxcars and 5 flatcars	Wildpark	Wuensdorf
	26 boxcars and 31 flatcars	Ohrdruf	Templin
	8 boxcars and 33 flatcars	Ohrdruf	Templin
	60 boxcars and 1 flatcar	Wildpark	Wuensdorf
9	3 boxcars and 14 flatcars	Wuensdorf	Wildpark
10	31 boxcars and 4 flatcars	Wuensdorf	Wildpark

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4. On 3 June, a troop train of 10 boxcars with troops and 27 flatcars carrying 27 trucks [redacted] was observed at the Wustrow railroad station. The train came from Jerichow.

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5. On 8 June, a train of 10 boxcars and 25 gondola cars loaded with trucks, [redacted] and four 37-mm AA guns was observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. The train proceeded toward Cottbus. (12)

Comments.

- (1) The train probably carried engineer troops to the area of Templin.

[redacted] presumably elements of the 890th Engr Bn of the LXVIII Mtz Rifle Corps were unloaded at the Templin railroad station on 8 June 1952. It is possible that these troops came from the Jerichow area. [redacted]

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- (2) The trains from Neuruppin probably carried elements of the 12th Gds Tank Div. Additional units which moved to "Itzenhagen" include: elements of the 68th Hv Tank SP Regt [redacted] of the 20th Gds Mecz Div on 31 May and 5 June 1952; elements of the 117th AAA Regt of the 13th AAA Div [redacted] on 4 June 1952; elements of the 2505th Gds AAA Regt [redacted] of the 21st Gds Mecz Div [redacted] and elements of the 3504th Gds AAA Regt (US) of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, [redacted] on 5 June 1952. All regiments are thus confirmed until the day of their departure. [redacted]

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- (3) [redacted] it can be concluded that the 880th Engr Bn of the LXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, [redacted] which had been concentrated in the Odruf area since the middle of April 1952, moved to the area of Templin on 8 June 1952. Compare with [redacted] Comment (1) on the possible transfer to the Templin area of elements of the 890th Engr Bn. [redacted]

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- (5) Units transferred to the Wustrow AAA range via the Neubukow and Kroepelin unloading stations include the unidentified AAA regiment of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps [redacted] on 3 June 1952, which was transferred from Naumburg to the Kindel troop training grounds about 20 April 1952 and is now confirmed until 3 June 1952; and an unidentified unit of the 32nd AAA Div [redacted] from Kustrin on 11 June 1952. A detachment [redacted] also departed for Neubukow on 6 June, [redacted] presumably belongs to a tank battalion of one of the mechanized regiments of the 21st Gds Mecz Div. The purpose of transferring individual tanks to the AAA range is not known.
- (6) The information tends to indicate that the movement of offices of the GOFG from Potsdam to Wuensdorf continued on 11 June 1952. [redacted]

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- (8) [redacted] the following units moved to the Dessau area on 2 June 1952, presumably for practices on the Elbe River: elements of the unidentified engineer battalion of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, [redacted] from Naumburg; elements of the 47th Engr Bn of the 50X1-HUM 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div [redacted] from Bad Koesen; and elements of the 19th Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army, [redacted] from Bad Koesen. All units are thus confirmed until 2 June 1952. Another shipment followed on 3 June 1952.

[redacted] On 16 May 1952, a troop train went from Dessau to Bad Koesen and, at the time, it was concluded that the train carried elements of the unidentified guards engineer battalion of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle. As, according to these movements in addition to elements of the 19th Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army, exclusively engineer units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps seemed to have moved to the area of Dessau, it is fairly definitely believed that [redacted] belongs to the 50X1-HUM unidentified Gds Engr Bn of the 1st Gds Mecz Div in Halle. Therefore, the battalion can be considered vaguely confirmed until 2 June 1952.

- (9) It is possible that these individual tanks were destined for the Volkspolizei cadre units in Gotha and Erfurt.
- (10) The following supplementary information on troop and supply movements is 50X1-HUM contained in paragraph 2 of the present report: [redacted]

31 May 1952. An artillery unit of the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div [redacted] moved from Meiningen to Ohrdruf and, 50X1-HUM presumably, returned on 4 June 1952. The regiment is confirmed until 4 June 1952.

2 June 1952. A shipment of the 45th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, [redacted] went from Lossa to Ohrdruf, confirming the battalion until 2 June 1952. No information has been received indicating the movement of elements of the battalion from Ohrdruf to Lossa.

3 June 1952. A shipment with elements of the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div [redacted] went from Ohrdruf to Plauen, confirming the regiment until 3 June 1952. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the 1st 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena until 8 June 1952.

- (11) This shipment was previously reported [redacted]. However, the identity of the unit on the train has not been definitely determined. [redacted]

It may, therefore, either belong to an engineer battalion of the army engineer troops of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which, in the summer, is also stationed in Doeberitz-Olympisches Dorf, or to the 18th (?) Engr Bn of the 1st Mecz Div [redacted]

- (12) The train carried a unit of the 1st AAA Div (US) from Frankfurt/Oder presumably to Juetzenbog. [redacted]

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